

Free Press : Stop Sinclair

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Take a minute and call your local Sinclair station. Ask to speak to, or leave a message for, the station manager or public affairs director – and of course, be polite.

Here's the contact information for Sinclair station(s) near you:

WSTR, WB 64
Cincinnati, OH
513-641-4400
WSYX, ABC 6
Columbus, OH
(614) 481-6666
WTTE, Fox 28
Columbus, OH
(614) 481-6666
WDKY, FOX 56
Lexington, KY
859-269-5656
WRGT, FOX 45
Dayton, OH
937.263.4500
WKEF, ABC 22
Dayton, OH
937.263.4500

What to say: Sinclair stations use public airwaves free of charge, and are required by law to serve the public interest. One-sided programs like "Stolen Honor" do not, and are harmful to our democracy. Please do not air "Stolen Honor," or if you do, please be sure to air a pro-Kerry program like "Going Upriver" shortly after. Thank you.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has the power to stop Sinclair. Corporations usually get their way because they enter official comments at the FCC and citizens don't. You can change that.

The FCC is accepting official comments on how radio and TV are serving – or not serving – your community. This is not a waste of time: your comments will go directly into the FCC's public record. It's quick, it's easy, and it works.

Sinclair is a great example of how Big Media is suffocating journalism and democracy itself. Your comments don't have to be long, but they should be your own (feel free to edit sample text we've provided).

Information filed on this form will be publicly available, as FCC comments are considered a matter of public record. Comments are due by November 1. This is docket 04-233.

Your information

All fields are required, except email.

Your name

Email

Mailing Address

City, State

Alaska Alabama Arkansas Arizona California Colorado
Connecticut District Of Columbia Delaware Florida Georgia
Guam Hawaii Iowa Idaho Illinois Indiana Kansas Kentucky
Louisiana Massachusetts Maryland Maine Michigan Minnesota
Missouri Mississippi Montana North Carolina North Dakota
Nebraska New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico Nevada New York
Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania Puerto Rico Rhode Island
South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah Virginia
Virgin Islands Vermont Washington Wisconsin West Virginia
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Zip code

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Your Statement (edit to make your own)

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry
documentary, days before the election, is a clear example of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to
serve the public interest. This program, however, is a very biased, highly
political message being touted as "news". It sounds more like "history" to me!
Right before the election, they should have to air an anti-Bush documentary as
well, in order to give time to each candidate and present a more balanced view.
THIS would serve the public interest.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the
bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It's more important
that we see substantive news about issues that matter. And local stations
should be able to choose what those issues are for their community

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not
weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more
than a returned postcard. Parent companies should have to document their airing
of balanced programming. Thank you.

BE SURE TO COPY AND SAVE YOUR COMMENTS. The FCC server may be
experiencing overload. If you do not get a confirmation number
from them, your message did not go through: you'll need to try
again later on. It's worth it!

Note: You must disable popup-blocking software for this to work.

You will be taken to the FCC's website to complete the submission process.

You must click on "Finish Transaction and Receive Confirmation."
Your comments are not on file until you receive a confirmation number from the FCC.

Tell your friends and stay involved by signing up for our e-activist list, and taking other actions on other websites.

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